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REMARKS

Claims 36-46 are pending in this application.

Claim 36 has been amended as proposed by Examiner Wilson, by telephone, on April 28, 2004. That is, claim 36 has been amended to require that "said vinyl polymer is obtained by atom transfer radical polymerization", and to correct a minor typographical error.

Support for claim 36 as amended appears throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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